

Minutes

Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee Meeting
April 9, 2018

Members Present

Representative Craig Horn, Chair
Representative Jean Farmer-Butterfield
Representative Becky Carney
Representative Ted Davis
Representative Nelson Dollar
Representative Pat Hurley
Representative Marvin Lucas
Representative Jason Sein
Representative Rena Turner

Senator Brent Jackson, Chair
Senator Chuck Edwards
Senator Valerie Foushee
Senator Paul Newton
Senator Shirley Randleman
Senator Jeff Tarte
Senator Joyce Waddell
Senator Andy Wells

Call to Order

Representative Craig Horn, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Representative Waddell moved to approve the March 26, 2018 *Minutes*. Motion carried.

Presentations and Comments

Chairman Horn stated that the Chairs reviewed the proposed PED Work Plan in member folders and requested that members take some time to review both the proposed evaluations and prioritization. Representative Lucas moved to approve the proposed PED 2018-19 Work Plan and prioritization as presented. Motion carried.

Chairman Horn reminded the members that PED had been given the responsibility of conducting measurability assessments of state programs. He then recognized Kiernan McGorty, Principal Program Evaluator, for introduction of the first assessment conducted. Session Law 2017-57 directed an assessment of the Transforming Principal Preparation (TPP) program, which is intended to transform the preparation of principals across the State. Dr. McGorty then introduced Dr. Gary VanLandingham, the independent assessor who performed the assessment. His report found that the TPP program generally meets the criteria for a well-managed, low-risk program. The TPP program meets 8 and partially meets 6 of the 14 indicators. Dr. Shirley Prince, NC Alliance for School Leadership Development responded.

Chairman Horn recognized Kiernan McGorty, Principal Evaluator, who presented the brief PED report ***Cooperative Agreement for Transforming Principal Preparation Program Needs Output and Outcome Data***. In addition to directing a measurability assessment of the program, Session Law 2017-57 directed PED to make recommendations for periodic reporting of program outputs and outcomes based on the TPP program's objectives. PED recommended that the General Assembly direct the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority to collect long-term outcome data for the TPP program on the number of graduates who secure positions in high-need schools and amend its cooperative agreement with the North Carolina Alliance for School Leadership Development to require specific output and outcome data in annual reports on the TPP program. Dr. Shirley Prince, NC Alliance for School Leadership Development responded.

Dr. Kiernan McGorty, PED, presented the bill draft.

Chairman Horn recognized Carol Shaw, Principal Evaluator, to present the PED report ***VIPER and FirstNet are Vital for Public Safety Interoperability, but VIPER Requires Upgrades***. This report evaluated North Carolina's Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER) and FirstNet technologies with an emphasis on the status of the current systems, potential duplication, governance, and need for upgrades. The report found that no duplication exists between VIPER and FirstNet's major functions and services, that NC's Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee monitors interoperable communications issues and supports

VIPER and FirstNet, and that failure to upgrade VIPER's base stations and software will adversely affect continued reliability and interoperability.

Kory Goldsmith, Bill Drafting, presented a bill draft to implement PED recommendations.

Chairman Horn recognized Sara Nienow, Principal Evaluator, to present the PED report **Meeting Current Standards for School Nurses Statewide May Cost Up to \$79 Million Annually**, which analyzed the need for school nurses and determined how nurses are funded including current staffing levels, roles and responsibilities, as well as LEA and state funding. The report found that duties have increased; NC did not meet the recommended nurse-to-student ratio devised in 2014, nor does it have one nurse per school; state-funded programs are only accessible to schools and LEAs that meet criteria; Medicaid pays for school nursing services but through a complicated process; and education budgets subsidize health care when non-nurses provide care.

Matt Pagett, Bill Drafting, presented a bill draft to implement PED recommendations.

Chairman Horn announced that the PED report **The System of Attorney Allocation in North Carolina State Government is Decentralized** was being released today and members had a copy in their folders. This report may be heard at a later date.

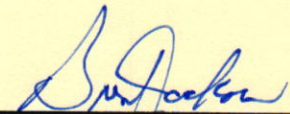
Chairman Jackson requested members to review the bill drafts heard for the first time today because they will be voted on at the next JLPEOC meeting on May 14th.

Chairman Jackson reminded the members that during the March 26th meeting they heard PED reports and bill drafts on three topics and that they would consider motions for the bills after a recap.

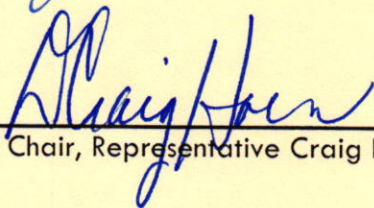
1. **Education Funding Dispute Resolution**—Matt Pagett, Bill Drafting, presented the bill draft. Senator Edwards proposed an amendment. Representative Pat Hurley moved to delay voting on the bill and the amendment until the May meeting. Motion carried.
2. **Lottery**—Matthew Meinig, Drafting, presented the bill draft. Representative Saine proposed an amendment to direct that instead of the lottery conducting the PED recommended study, that the Legislative Research Commission conduct the study and report recommendations to the 2019 General Assembly. Representative Carney proposed an amendment to the Saine amendment to specify a December 1, 2018 due date for the report by the Legislative Research Commission. Representative Saine moved to approve the amendment as amended by the Carney amendment. Motion carried. Representative Carney moved that JLPEOC recommend the bill as amended. Motion carried.
3. **Span of Control**—Phyllis Pickett, Drafting, presented the bill draft. Senator Edwards proposed an amendment. Representative Dollar moved to approve the amendment. Motion to amend carried. Senator Edwards moved for JLPEOC to recommend the bill as amended. Motion carried.

Adjournment

With no further business, the committee adjourned.



Senate Chair, Senator Brent Jackson



House Chair, Representative Craig Horn